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SUBJ: ALLENBYBRIDGE AND ISRAELI SECURITY
CONCERNS

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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY SENIOR OFFICIAL OF
UNRWA/GAZA THAT ISRAELIS ARE REFUSING TO ALLOW
UNRWA TO TRANSFER SEVERAL TONS OF RICE FROM JORDAN
TO GAZA ACROSS ALLENBY BRIDGE. ISRAELIS, WHO ARE
AWARE THAT AS RESULT RICE MAY SOON HAVE TO BE
ELIMINATED FROM UNRWA RATIONS IN GAZA, CLAIM THAT
TO ALLOW SUCH LARGE AMOUNT OF ANY COMMODITY TO BE
TRANSHIPPED WOULD ENTAIL SIGNIFICANT SECURITY RISK.
ISRAELIS HAVE WITHHELD PERMISSION EVEN THOUGH UNRWA HAS
OFFERED TO EMPTY EVERY BAG IN PRESENCE OF ISRAELI
INSPECTORS AT BRIDGE AND CARRY RICE LOOSE FROM
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BRIDGE TO GAZA (PROCEDURE WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN
PAST).

2. COMMENT: DESPITE LIFGING OF EXTRAORDINARY RESTRIC-

TIONS ON CROSSING OF ALLENBY BRIDGE IMPOSED AFTER ZION SQUARE BOMBING (PARA 1 REFTTEL), ISRAELIS OBVIOUSLY REMAIN HYPERSENSITIVE TO SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF INCREASED TRAFFIC ACROSS BRIDGE DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

3. SITUATION DESCRIBED DOES NOT REPRESENT RECURRING PROBLEM FOR UNRWA/GAZA. AS DEPT IS AWARE, NORMAL ENTRY POINT FOR COMMODITIES DESTINED FOR GAZA IS ASHDOD, WITH OCCASIONAL USE OF GAZA PORT. ALLENBY BRIDGE IS USED ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN SHORFALL IN GAZA CAN BE MET FROM SURPLUS ON HAND IN JORDAN.

4. INFO RE THIS PROBLEM WAS GIVEN US FYI, WITH NO RPT NO SUGGESTION UNRWA WISHED OR EXPECTED US OR ANY OTHER DONOR TO RAISE MATTER WITH ISRAELIS (RICE IN QUESTION IS APPARENTLY PART OF JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION) UNRWA SOURCE TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT IF ASKED BY REFUGEES HE INTENDED TO CITE LACK OF ISRAELI COOPERATION AS CAUSE SHOULD RICE RATION HAVE TO BE CURTAILED.
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